MERRY CHRISTMAS FOLKS

A star in the sky

a light in the window, and hope in the heart! It's Christmas again, good folks of this community . . . the season when even strangers nod at you and smile. So we are sending you these wishes for Christmas cheer and happiness in your home.

Hunter Lumber Co.

APPOMATTOX, VA.

Year after year we have been wishing our friends a Merry Christmas, each year hoping to make our message a little warmer, a little more personal.

It is with some such thought as this that we now add this "Merry Christmas" to the many that have gone before, with the hope that it will find you abundantly blessed with everything that the magic wand of Christmas can bestow.

H. C. PULLIAM

Appomattox, Va.

TALLYHO!

Due to a shortage of reindeer this season we send you our Christmas Greetings in this conventional way!

In this season of gift-giving may we say that your friendship is our choicest gift, and we appreciate it beyond words to express. May your Christmas be a merry one, indeed!

RICHARD D. ROBINSON

Furniture Store, Successor to J. C. Hudgins

Appomattox, Virginia

Associated With Many Christmas Symbols

HOME FOR SANTA CLAUS . . . Many cities in the United States, even those which do not have names associated with Christmas symbols, erect Santa Claus villages during the holiday season.

EACH year, thousands of letters in the U. S. are mailed from Bethlehem—Bethlehem, Pa.; Bethlehem, Md.; Bethlehem, Conn., and Bethlehem, N. H. These towns were named many, many years ago, and imaginative Americans the country over send in letters to be remailed bearing the symbolic postmark of Bethlehem.

The story associated with the naming of Bethlehem, Pa., is especially moving. On Christmas Eve in 1741, it is said, Moravian pioneers who had come to the new world in search of religious freedom gathered in a log cabin in the snow-swept Pennsylvania countryside. Thankful for their new refuge, they sang carols joyfully; then Nicholas Louis, Count Zinzendorf, took up a taper and led the gathering into the stables where a few cows and horses stirred.

"Let us call our village also Bethlehem," he said, and all agreed. From a humble beginning over 200 years ago, Bethlehem, Pa., is now a thriving industrial city of 62,000.

Santa Claus also has been honored in the naming of American cities. The story of the christening of Santa Claus, Ind., contains an awesome note in keeping with Christmas Eve.

The government had turned down the request of a little settlement in southern Indiana 100 years ago because an older town in the state bore the same name of Santa Fe. As the villagers gathered in celebration of Christmas Eve, they pondered a new name, finding each suggestion unsuitable as they turned it over in their minds in order to select the right one.

In the midst of their deliberations, a blinding light was seen outside. Rushing to the window, they saw a flaming star crash against a distant hill, leaving a crater that still can be seen today.

Awed by the spectacle, the residents of the settlement considered the event as a special omen, and they gave their community the name of Santa Claus to commemorate Christmas.

Inexpensive Gifts Can Be Made With Christmas Cards

MOST of us have stored away in attic boxes and desk drawers, Christmas card cards from last year and the year before that we just couldn't bear to throw away.

These cards can be transformed into charming Christmas gifts with a little ingenuity and a minimum of time on your part.

Lampshades are always welcome—and here's a novel idea for designing a special gift for a special person. If your friend is partial to floral arrangements, New England farm scenes, cats—or whatever, select the cards accordingly. Take a plain parchment shade, brush entire outer surface with clear shellac and let dry partially. Meantime brush the back of the cards with shellac and expose to air for several minutes until shellac reaches a sticky consistency. Apply cards to appropriate spots and press

EVEN THE FIRST . . . Since the first Christmas card was made, they have been saved and utilized for the making of artistic gifts. During and since the war the demand for the cards for those in hospitals has reached a new high. Our wounded have been supplied with thousands of cards which they use in making gifts.

down. Brush entire lampshade surface, including newly applied cards, with the shellac. Let dry. The shellacking process may be repeated any number of times as each application serves to increase the durability of the lampshade. Pierce holes, about an inch apart, around top and bottom edges; lace with ribbons.

Wastebaskets, too, make attractive gifts. The cardboard variety, either oval or square in shape, can be secured in your local 5 and 10 or department store. Cover with plain paper or gift wrapping. Shellac, mount cards. Re-shellac—as with the lampshade.

Another trick! Select three cards of uniform size and theme—either religious, scenic or peasant, etc. Place them in inexpensive cardboard or wooden frames. Take a long strip of heavy satin ribbon with sewn-on bow at one end. Attach frames to ribbon in Victorian manner, i. e., one over the other. Then sew a hook on back of bow so ribbon may be hung from the wall.

A useful and colorful gift for the man of the house—especially if he happens to be a pipe smoker—is the large box of kitchen matches artistically "camouflaged" so Mother won't object to its presence in her newly "done over" living room. Cover all surfaces, with the exception of the sanded striking area, with strips of colorful designs taken from Christmas cards. Paste the cutout Christmas card designs on one or both of the large surfaces—shellac, allow to dry, and repeat process.

One of the simplest to make, yet most effective small gifts, is the bookmark. Cut out, in rectangular shape, the Christmas card design of your selection. Then tape a strip of good quality ribbon—either satin or grosgrain—to the back of the card so that the ribbon extends about three or four inches beyond its bottom edge. Scotch tape can be bought at most stationery and gift shops in colors, now, and it lends a more festive air than the usual transparent tape. It's a good idea, too, to give the card a coat or two of shellac so it will resist fingerprints and smudging.

Two blocks of wood, painted in pretty pastels, mounted with Christmas cards and shellacked are just the thing for the guest room bookends. In similar fashion wooden boxes can be "dressed up" with cutout floral Christmas card designs to serve as cigarette containers.

THE QUIET JOYS OF HOME AND FIRESIDE

. . . the family gathered around the heavily-laden table . . . turkey and dressing, mince and pumpkin pies . . . the Christmas tree with its tinsel . . . the toys beneath . . . May you enjoy these deep sweet pleasures this Christmas of 1947.

J. E. Sears Co. Inc

APPOMATTOX, VA.

JUST A FRIENDLY WAY OF EXPRESSING TO YOU OUR MOST SINCERE GOOD WISHES FOR A HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND THAT IT MAY BE AN ESPECIALLY JOYOUS ONE FOR YOU

Harold Y. Spencer

Registered Pharmacist on duty at all times.

Rexall DRUG STORE

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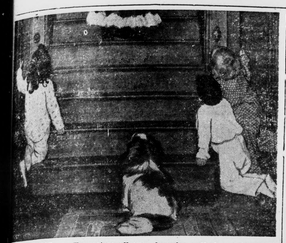

IT'S TIME . . . Youngsters all over America will sleep with one eye open on Christmas Eve—if they are lucky they might see Santa's sleigh as he hurries on his way. These youngsters arrived in time to hear, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a goodnight."

Teams prepare for bowl football games New Year's day.

Try a Classified Ad.

Economic advisors say trade boom will last another year.

Panama rejects U. S. base lease.

Republicans argue for a tax cut.

Britain Takes Covers Off Information About the Atom

LONDON—Britain is taking the covers off more information about the atom. A second list of 25 reports from the government's secret files on atomic energy and related subjects has just been released by the ministry of supply.

A first list, containing 73 reports, was released in March, copies being obtainable on loan by interested responsible workers.

The ministry of supply says that it is hoped that the British stationery office also will be in a position shortly to supply documents of American origin on atomic energy, and applications for these will be considered.

Automobile Sold Five Times In Five Days at Good Profit

GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.—Police, tracing a 1941 model automobile that left the scene of an accident, said that the car changed hands five times in as many days at an average increase of $100 per sale.

Policeman Jack Fahlstead said the original owner, whom he did not identify, received $300 for the car on a trade-in.

The car passed through the hands of three dealers before the present owner bought it for $800, the officer added.

Publish list of traders in grain market.

...the gift that everyone ...s WESTINGHOUSE ... beauty, utility and performance all packed into 9¾" x ... H". It's a console radio in ... form—with power and ... you have to bear to be ... Has a retractable, ... ing handle for carrying ... room to room. Green and ... of ivory and gold. ... today and hear this ... in a jewel case.

See it... Hear it... GIVE IT...

PRICED FROM $36.75 to $249.95

...e in and make a selection

POE

Hardware Co.

APPOMATTOX, VA.

Merry YULETIDE

WE GREET YOU

AT CHRISTMAS

...And trust

...to offer you Cheer

...very day

...of the year.

...ner's Service Station

...T. J. Conner, Prop.

Appomattox, Va.

Poinsettias

The poinsettia has no Christmas legend and its adoption as a symbol or decoration for Christmas is of recent origin. In Spain it is known as the flor de noche-buene, and is connected with the sentiment of Christmas.

Its beautiful flaming star is one of the favorite flowers of the Christmas season, and its use as an indoor decoration is universal.

Legends of Holly

Many beliefs are connected with the Christmas holly.

Legends relate that the crown of thorns was plaited from the holly, the white berries turning red like drops of blood after the crucifixion.

It is said that whoever brings the holly into the house first, either husband or wife, is the one who will rule in the ensuing year.

For many years the superstition persisted that holly was hateful to witches. It was placed on doors and windows to keep out evil spirits.

Rocks News

Rocks, Dec. 22.- Here's wishing the Editor and his wife and all the Times-Virginian readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

L. K. Almond, Jim Frank Ranson, Emory Ranson and Robert Roach are in Farmville last week selling tobacco.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson went to Farmville Monday.

Johnny Franklin, of Petersburg, spent a few days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Dickerson.

Mrs. C. S. Ranson and Cassie Baldwin went to Lynchburg Wednesday.

Mrs. L. K. Almond went to Appomattox Sunday morning to see a doctor.

Herbert Goins killed two turkies last week.

Jim Frank Ranson took his wife to Appomattox Friday afternoon to see the doctor.

Mrs. Percy Carter went to Lynchburg Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roach went to Appomattox Wednesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Evans, of Charlotte C. H., called to see Mrs. W. H. Ranson awhile one night last week.

Mrs. D. R. Inge entertained with a supper for Claiborne Inge Saturday night on his 21st birthday. The following were present: Misses Etta Ranson, Annie C. Martin, and Rodney Roach.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Anderson, of Delaware, will spend Christmas here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Anderson.

Mrs. Harry Ranson and children went to Farmville Saturday.

Play safe—drive carefully.

Schools will reopen January 5, after holidays.

Gift buying was unusually brisk last few shopping days.

Quality is E'er my Motto

Buckingham Flippin

DIAMONDS LYNCHBURG, VIRGINIA

Trees Make Christmas Merry for All of Us

We are not referring to the traditional evergreen with lights and tinsel when we talk about trees which make our Christmases happy. We are speaking of the pines, the sprúces, the poplars, the hemlocks, the oaks, the maples and the birches which go into paper.

These trees are without decoration, but they are Christmas trees of sorts. They are capable of providing such lasting gifts as a livelihood for an individual and prosperity for an entire community.

Consider what these trees mean to your home and your community.

Trees are the raw materials for scores of products you use in your daily life—the books and magazines you read, the wrappings which protect your groceries, food containers, paper cups, shopping bags, stationery, notebooks and pads, to mention a few.

And equally important to you, much of the money from the sale of these paper products comes to your community through the wages paid our paper makers, the sale of pulpwood to our plants by local suppliers, and the purchases of materials and services required locally by our organization.

Just as a tree is a symbol of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," so is it a symbol of an industry which plays a conspicuous role in the prosperity of a free America.

WEST VIRGINIA PULP AND PAPER COMPANY